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AT THE CROSSING OF THE CENTURIES.

GOD is trying to speak with me, and I am trying to hear;
But the angry roar of an angry sea
Has told my soul that it is not free;
And my strange, imperfect ear
Has only caught, on the breast of day,
The strain of a song that is far away—
So I sit and listen and humbly pray,
For God is near.

God is trying to speak with me, and I am trying to hear.
Away with the gold that is won by death
Of mind and body. (O Nazareth!
O living, breathing tear!)
Away, away with the realist's hand,
Away with the tyrants that slave the land,
For the heart must sing and the stars command.

(Great God is near.)
And soothe and comfort the voice of pain,
Man's Eden must return again,
And the Christ that suffered must live and reign.
(Great God is near.)

And hush and silence the battle's din—
And lift forever the mists of sin
That veil the wealth of the God within.
(Great God is near.)
And strive, oh, strive to be brave and true;
The world is dying of me and you,
And the deeds undone that we both might do!
(Great God is near.)

—Coletta Ryan, in *Twentieth Century Quarterly*.

Notes.—We have crossed the threshold of a new century as well as of a new year. It is prophesied that much will be brought to pass, along missionary lines, in the twentieth century. The watchword of the Student Volunteer Movement, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," does not seem so impracticable since the World's Conference. The best way for each one of us to hasten this blessed consummation is to be personally consecrated, intelligent, ready. While waiting to discover what the world, the church, and the society will accomplish, let us do the "next thing" cheerfully and prayerfully; so shall we surely help the great, wide work, for which Christ came and for which his Spirit continually inspires the sons and daughters of men. . . . It is particularly fitting that a service of prayer and praise should be held in the early part of the year; but in the study of special, and local, and individual needs, we would not forget the larger brotherhood and the world-field, with which we must be more and more closely allied, in sympathy and service, as we look forward with the eyes of faith to that final, if belated, "federation of the world," which Tennyson foretold. . . . The report from the Central States and Ohio was promptly sent by Mrs. Jackson, but it failed to reach the secretary, and so did not appear in the annual report number of the *HELPER*. We regret that our workers in those States were not represented, and that we were deprived of the report. . . . A new auxiliary is announced at Wells Branch, Me. . . . One writes that the Cradle-Roll is growing. Please note the falling off in the Roll of Honor and make strenuous effort to have it a most honorable Roll in the near future. . . . Mrs. A. A. McKenney, our Western secretary, writes from her new home in Paynette, Wis.: "I am now away from a Free Baptist church, and the *HELPER* seems doubly dear. I hope it may have a large increase of subscriptions in 1901." . . . We send our greetings across the sea to two mites of humanity, Gladys and Gerald Howells, who came to the home of our "Beebee" on Oct. 5. May they live to add to the blessing which the Phillips family has been to the world. . . . From Midnapore comes a personal letter stating how some of our workers spent their vacation. Miss Phillips and Miss Scott went to Ootacamand, Miss Barnes to Darjeeling, and Miss Gaunce visited Mrs. Boyer Sunder. Miss Scott writes, under date of Nov. 7: "Your letter reached me at Ootacamand, where I have had a very pleasant holiday, which has done me good. It is a lovely hill station, with trees, shrubs, and flowers in profusion and variety, and although not very cold, still, compared with the plains, it was a real change. On both journeys we had the opportunity of visiting several mission stations belonging to other societies, and seeing something of their methods of work, and although there is much to thank the Lord for, and many tokens that his kingdom is advancing, yet at every step marks of heathenism are so apparent that we feel the need of a double portion of the Spirit's power and many more laborers."



Happy New Year!

MY THOUGHTS OF THEM.

THE MISSION LEADERS OF THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

BY REV. ELIZABETH MOODY.

NOBLE heroes of God ! Brave-hearted, loyal ambassadors ! Men and women who had walked with him, counseled with him, and conquered in his name ! Spies from the lands of promise—reporting to the home toilers the conditions of the fields, bringing of the fruits of the land, and planning for the future !

One look into the gentle, holy, inspiring face of the aged John G. Paton, and we waited for the raising of those hands in loving benediction upon us, and the whispered word like unto that other John, " My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." And because we heard we were helped.

How quickly we caught the spirit of the " onward go " of Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, when, like faithful old Joshua, he sounded out the ringing call, " India may be brought to Christ within the lifetime of some in this room ! Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it."

And our hearts burned within as J. Hudson Taylor leaned on the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian church and talked of God's power to answer prayer in sending money and men to the China Inland Mission, and bade us remember that " our God is still the same available power, and will answer our earnest plea for help as quickly now as then."

Miss Shattuck impressed us with her grave dignity and Esther-like courage in Christ ; while Geraldine Guinness Taylor stood before us a representative of God's beautiful young women who have given up all for him.

Isabella Thoburn and her companion, Miss Lilavati Sing, won the interest of all. And what a proof to every delegate and visitor that God has just as shining jewels in heathen homes as can be found among America's favored daughters.

And other fruit was there—Panarama Bai and her friend, the young Hindu widow now leading her classes in a New York college for girls. Norrie of Burmah, Mr. Osada of Japan, and Fon Lee Mung from China, each answering forever, with their blessed, living testimony, the question, " Do missions pay ? "

Among the home heroes were fearless Dr. Cuyler and learned A. T. Pier-
son ; Hall, from our theological schools ; and Mott and Speer from the ranks
of the young people, and Pentecost, winner of souls ; Mrs. Dr. Gordon, Mrs. J.
T. Gracey, and Helen Gould.

In the little rear parlor of a hotel near Carnegie Hall the people gathered and reports were given, and grasping the hand of worn and weary travelers, we thanked God for the safe return of *our* spies ! And what did we think of them ?

They were *our very own*—and we loved them. Overworked Dr. Mary caused us to feel “she saved others, herself she could not save”! Brave Julia Phillips Burkholder and Dr. Harry Bacheler’s widow, the Hallams and Griffins, Miss DeMeritte, Ford, Murphy, and Given, each moved our lives anew, and we went out from that hotel, as we did also from the convention itself, feeling that we had been in the presence of those who had walked with God, and talked with him face to face, and *we* were nearer to him because we had met his ambassadors.

Hillsdale, Mich.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

DEAR MRS. WHITCOMB:—

I have been asked to report the executive session of the National Council of Women at its recent meeting in Minneapolis, for the benefit of those of our number who were not privileged to be present.

I am sure that in one respect, at least, I am better qualified to give an interesting report than any of my predecessors. They knew something when they went, and presuming that all of us did, left out many things we would have been glad to hear. I carried to the Council a “broad and expansive fund of ignorance,” so everything was of interest, and while I shall not consume space to report speeches and papers, I shall presume that there are some as ignorant as I of this great body with which we are affiliated, and speak of things I learned as your representative.

The N. C. W. is composed of national organizations of every character. It includes Missions and the Maccabees, Anti-vivisection and Art Leagues—any woman’s organization of national scope which interests itself in the well-being of the human race.

Mrs. Fanny Humphrey Gaffney of New York City is president, and Mrs. May Wright Sewall honorary president, and also president of the International Council. The regular meetings occur triennially. Executive sessions annually. Our W. M. S. pays \$100 once in three years as a membership fee, and is privileged to send our president and one delegate to represent us and influence, so far as may be, to set the seal of womanly approval and encouragement to whatever movements tend to the uplifting of humanity and to disapprove of whatever is unjust or unclean.

The same rights and privileges are accorded us as are granted to the largest organized body of women in the world.

With their habitual economy, it was decided by our executive board that it was better to send to Minneapolis some near enough to bear their own expenses, instead of paying the traveling expenses of our president to this executive session,

consequently it resulted that Mrs. Stella Kennan of Minneapolis, and the writer represented you.

The ladies of Minneapolis, with their wonted hospitality, gave several receptions to the Council, two of them, in their eagerness, occurring almost before the delegates had time to throw off their traveling wraps. One in particular was especially delightful, given by Mrs. T. B. Walker in her art gallery, which is counted one of the finest private collections in our country. With genuine hospitality, Mrs. Walker threw open these beautiful rooms, filled with the choicest gems of art, every day from one to five p. m. Representatives of Laundry Associations were equally welcome with ladies who had just returned from wandering in the art galleries of France and Italy.

The business sessions were private, held in the forenoon in the ladies' ordinary of the West Hotel. The public sessions were in the afternoon and evening at the First Unitarian church.

Each affiliated society was given opportunity to report its work, and right here let me say that the report of our own work was most kindly received, and great pleasure was expressed by other members that we, as a distinctly evangelical philanthropic organization, should add our influence to give a truly Christian character to the public acts and utterances of women assembled in a national body.

Every utterance, both public and private, was most dignified and womanly. Never was there the faintest, far-away hint of anything that could be called "ranting."

I will take space for only one or two items of interest in public and private sessions, that you may gain a savor of the whole.

It was voted in business session to admit the National Association of Colored Women which had been rejected by the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and also to send a commission to our new island possessions for the study of social and domestic conditions, with a view of seeing in what way the women of the islands can co-operate with the Council for mutual benefit and for the public weal. Both of these actions indicate characteristic breadth of sympathy.

One of the finest public addresses was by Professor Maria Sanford of the Minnesota State University on "What Women Can Do Through Improvement and Art Leagues." It was a very happy combination of practical suggestion and ethical values, as an instance, the ridding the city and suburbs of the Canada thistle by the school children, and, in return, the presenting, by the Art Leagues to the schools most energetic in the work, copies of the old masters.

No public address was received with greater favor than that of Mrs. Terrell of Washington, D. C., president of the National Association of Colored Women.

With gratitude for the opportunity afforded me and the hope that our women will attend these meetings, whenever circumstances permit, both to be benefitted and to benefit, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Winnebago City, Dec. 5, 1900.

LUCY PHILLIPS DURGIN.

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A TRIP TO THE WHITTIER HOMESTEAD AND DUSTON MONUMENT.

BY R. M. F. BUZZELL.

THIS delightful trip so closely followed the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society as to seem a part of it—a postscript, as it were.

Yes, "Friday morning grand and glorious!" As the noon hour drew near, the band of missionary workers, in the church parlors, might have been seen taking off their aprons, figuratively speaking, for a well-earned play hour, and soon we were bounding over hill and dale in the direction of the famous Whittier homestead, situated in a suburb of Haverhill, Mass. On alighting from the electric, it lay before us, a typical New England country home, with its well-curb and long sweep, nestling upon the hillside.

Directly after crossing the narrow bridge spanning the brooklet, "the music of whose liquid lip" rippled merrily, a group of women was gazing fixedly at a notice placed conspicuously at the entrance, "Visitors admitted at 1 P. M." A voice was soon heard to murmur, "Well, to see the outside pays for coming;" but one, evidently born to be a leader, at least among women, marched boldly forth, and, after rapping on three doors in succession, returned with the verdict, "Come on!" Exactly what line of argument was presented, we did not stay to inquire, being only too glad to enter. We were conducted through the rooms, kept in perfect order, by a white-capped hostess in harmony with her surroundings. The "old, rude-furnished room" was there, the "clean-winged hearth,"

"The oaken log, green, huge, and thick,
And on its top the stout back stick;
The knotty forestick laid apart,
And filled between with curious art
The ragged brush;"

but

"No welcome sound of toil or mirth
Unbound the spell, and testified
Of human life and thought."

From thence we passed with reverent footsteps into the room once occupied by "my sire" and "our mother." "My sire"—

"A prompt, decisive man, no breath
Our father wasted:—"our mother laid
The work aside, her steps she stayed
One moment, seeking to express

Her grateful sense of happiness
For food and shelter, warmth and health,
And love's contentment more than wealth."

Ascending a rude stairway, we were shown "the unplastered room" of the poet, and the

"Brisk wielder of the birch and rule,
The master of the district school;"

adjoining which was that of

"Our uncle, innocent in books,
Was rich in love of fields and brooks;"

while across the way were those of

"The dear aunt, whose smile of cheer
And voice in dreams I see and hear"—

and that of "our elder sister"—

"A full, rich nature, free to trust,
Truthful and almost sternly just,"

shared by

"Our youngest and our dearest."

In a corner stood an old wooden cradle, which, at once, was assumed to be the Whittier chariot to By-low Land; but our conscientious hostess somewhat dissipated our thought by assuring us that she knew nothing of its history, having rescued it, herself, from the loft of an out-building. Yet fancy still cherishes the thought that the toe of Mother Whittier gently tapped that wooden rocker, as she watched her baby boy, "happily smiling to dreamland."

"Snow Bound" ever charming! but he who would be receptive to its true beauty must visit the scene of its nativity. John Greenleaf Whittier as poet touched the hearts of the people by the overflow of a simple spirit of truth and gentleness; nevertheless, the downtrodden and oppressed ever found in him an advocate who never hesitated to "cry aloud and spare not," in clarion tones for freedom and equality for all. Other poets may be rated higher, but it is safe to say none are more beloved.

Our hostess told us somewhat of the early love of the poet, so beautifully commemorated in "Memories," concerning which in later years, he wrote

"Not wholly can the heart unlearn
That lesson of its better hours;
Not yet has Time's dull footstep worn
To common dust that path of flowers."

Later, when speaking of this to a somewhat prosaic friend, the reply was, "Fortunate for him and the world that she did not marry him. If she had, instead of writing poetry Whittier probably would have had to spend his life

working in a Haverhill shoeshop to earn money to keep her in dry goods." Who knows?

While sitting by the roadside, waiting for a car to take us to the Duston Monument, one of the women calmly announced that, owing to some miscalculation, she had failed to get any dinner. From all sides were immediately forthcoming shreaded wheat biscuit, fruit, peanuts; in fact, sufficient to call forth the cry, "Enough, enough for every want of ours!" Query: Did these dear women, with admirable forethought, take these supplies from their home larders, or were they surreptitiously removed from the tables so bountifully provided by the Haverhill friends? Under the circumstances it may seem ungrateful to even suggest; it certainly would be unbecoming to judge.

What woman can thoughtfully look upon the sculptured form of Hannah Duston, with its engraved base, telling more plainly than words of her heroic deed, without a feeling of admiration for her supreme courage, yet mingled with a sense of gratitude to the Father for more peaceful paths in which to walk? Then the thought arises, Has not the woman of to-day need of equal courage, perhaps, to successfully attack the evils by which she is surrounded, even with the hatchet of God's Word cutting the bonds of sin, and leading forth into the light of truth and liberty?

But the time of separation came, and the last to enter the waiting car was our own Dr. Shirley, calling back her winsome "Good-by." In fancy, I hear it yet.

Ocean Park, Me.

OUR "HELPER."

VIGOROUS efforts for increasing the subscriptions of the MISSIONARY HELPER were recommended by the executive board of the Woman's Missionary Society at the annual meeting at Haverhill.

At first thought it would hardly seem that such action would be necessary, in view of the attractive make-up of the magazine, its bright and timely articles on matters of general missionary interest, its valuable information regarding our own departments of work at home and abroad, and the trifling cost of its monthly visits; and yet, like many other things of real value, it is too often neglected.

Many times payments are allowed to lapse until they become so far in arrears that the agent is forced to discontinue the magazine. Then again, strange as it may seem, there are still numbers in our churches who have not come to see how important a factor it is in our work, and how necessary to an intelligent understanding of the interrelationship of all our departments. Its chief mission is to intensify our interest in all missionary effort, especially in the

lines for which we are personally responsible, and it does this in such a happy way that we find ourselves eagerly illustrating the "moral," without being conscious that there is one.

Among the means suggested by the board for increasing the subscription list was a continuance and emphasis of the present system of having earnest and efficient State, Q. M. conference, and association agents, and that these agents see that a woman of ability and interest is appointed in each local auxiliary, and that where there is no auxiliary an efficient person be secured by the Q. M. agent to obtain subscriptions.

Also that our women consider themselves personally responsible to endeavor to interest others by loaning copies, calling attention to marked articles, seeking those who will subscribe for extra numbers for the benefit of any who feel unable, or have insufficient interest, to subscribe, and in various ways that will suggest themselves to each individual.

That a special meeting be held by each auxiliary, annually, whose topic shall be the MISSIONARY HELPER, a suitable program being arranged for the same. November was suggested as a fitting month for such a meeting, so that renewals and new subscriptions may be secured for the ensuing year.

That a bill of arrearages be forwarded to each subscriber who has been dropped from the list during 1900, together with a kindly letter from the publication committee, stating that the present deficit could be obliterated if delinquent subscriptions were paid, urging a prompt remittance of individual dues, thus saving to the general missionary fund the large aggregate amount that must otherwise be used to cover it.

That the publishing agent advise the local agents, and delinquent individual subscribers where there is no agent, not later than Nov. 15 of each year, of the great importance of forwarding all unpaid subscriptions before the year closes, at the same time calling attention to the premiums offered.

Also that on the first day of April, each year, a bill of all subscriptions that are fifteen months in arrears be sent by the publishing agent to local agents, and where there is no local agent to individuals, also advising such delinquents of the great need of these belated payments in order to prevent a deficit at the close of the year.

It was voted that the price of the HELPER after Jan. 1, 1901, be fifty cents, if paid within a year, or sixty cents if paid after the beginning of the second year, the only exception to this being when the subscriber accompanies the arrearage with an additional subscription for one year, in which case the price shall be one dollar for the two years.

These recommendations of the board savor of much "red tape" and no

inconsiderable amount of valuable time and postage, in order to insure the payment of the simple sum of fifty cents from old and prospective subscribers, and yet it seems absolutely necessary, for the reason that so many fail to take this valuable little magazine, and because you, my sister, or I, members of your church or mine, fail to pay, either promptly or altogether, for the article purchased. We do not deliberately sit down and plan to defraud the society, but the result of our carelessness in the matter is exactly the same. A reminder in most cases, I am sure, must be all that is needed, and it is sincerely hoped that this action of the board may so well perform its mission by coming to the notice of all present subscribers, and those who will be instrumental in securing new ones, that much of its red tape may be found to be entirely unnecessary.

Is your subscription paid for this year?

"He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much."

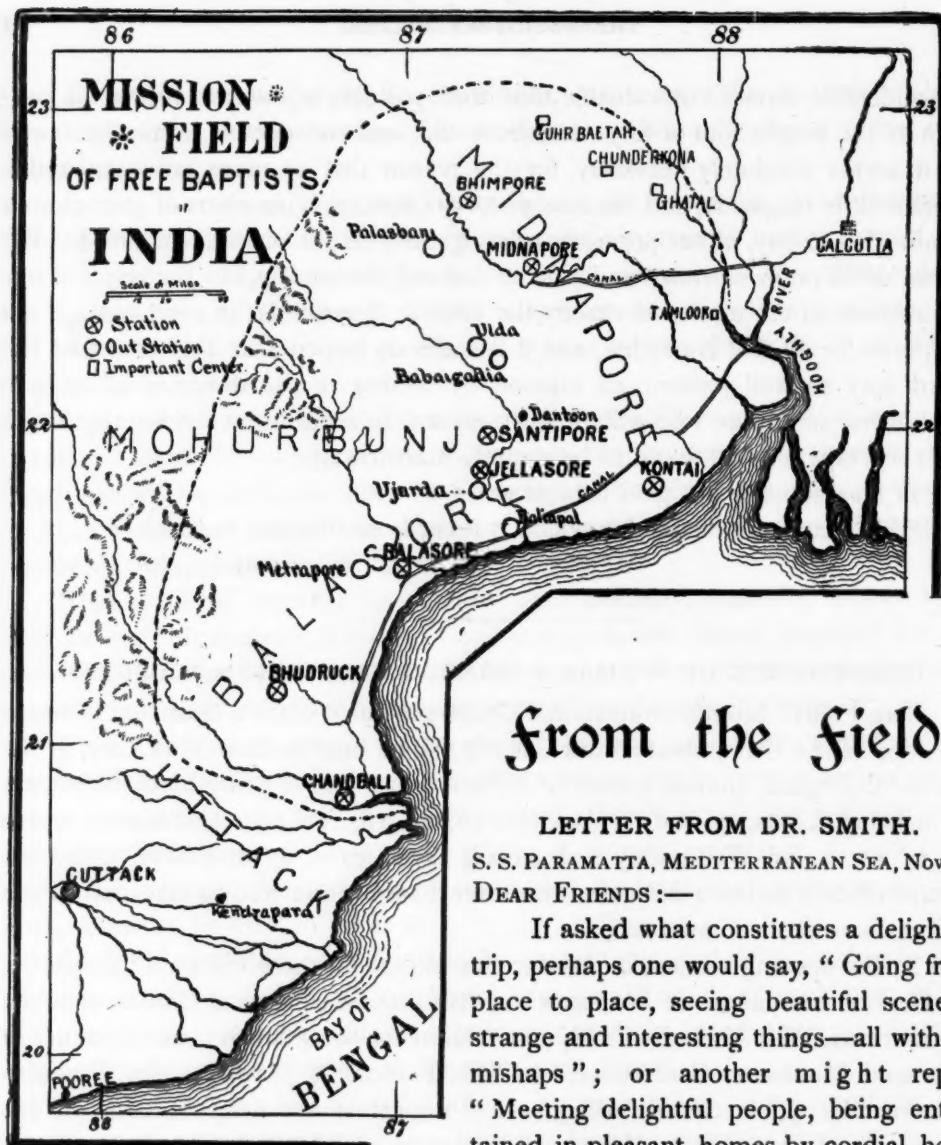
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CONFERENCE OF WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE Fourth Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada will be held in New York City, at the Marble Collegiate church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Jan. 16, 17, 18, 1901, the Conference opening at 2 P. M. on Wednesday and closing at 12.30 P. M. on Friday. The executive officers and two delegates from each board are invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

At the opening session, on Wednesday afternoon, there will be a "Report of the General Committee of Woman's Boards for the Ecumenical Conference" by its chairman, Miss Abbie B. Child, and "Hints for the Planning and Conduct of a General Missionary Conference," by Miss Frances B. Hawley. On Thursday morning Mrs. J. T. Gracey will give a "Report of the After Meeting of the Ecumenical Conference." There will be papers on "United Study in Missions," Miss Ellen C. Parsons; "Co-operative Publications," Mrs. W. W. Scudder; "The Value of Missionary Exhibits," Mrs. A. T. Twing.

Thursday afternoon, "Comity, How Far Practiced at Home and on Mission Ground," also "Union in Educational and Medical Work" will be discussed. The closing session on Friday morning will be devoted to papers on "Philanthropic and Evangelistic Work." Mrs. R. C. Morse will give an account of "Settlement Work in India," and Miss Mary Deyo a paper on "The Most Successful Methods of Evangelistic Work in Japan." Time will be given after each subject for brief discussion.



from the field.

LETTER FROM DR. SMITH.

S. S. PARAMATTA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, Nov. 16.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

If asked what constitutes a delightful trip, perhaps one would say, "Going from place to place, seeing beautiful scenery, strange and interesting things—all without mishaps"; or another might reply, "Meeting delightful people, being entertained in pleasant homes by cordial hosts and hostesses." No doubt either is correct; but, if so, what can be said of my trip—which so far has taken two months and a half—a look at Niagara, a day among the Thousand Islands, a trip by boat down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, a drive of 175 miles—beside travel by rail—through the beautiful State of Vermont, with its changing autumn foliage, two weeks in and about Boston, two weeks in mighty, interesting London, an ocean voyage of many days with only the briefest twinges of seasickness, and withal greeted everywhere with cordial welcomes, and sent on my way with hearty God-speeds and many pleasant companions along the journey? Yes, there were days

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when it rained, and at times audiences were small, but who cannot see beauty in spite of rain, and find comfort in the thought that some of the addresses that have had most influence in the world have been given before the smallest audiences—so far as numbers were concerned?

Most of our churches in Vermont were visited. In all I found some missionary fires burning; in some it was in the hearts of only the few faithful ones, but in others my heart was warmed and encouraged and helped by the interest and cordial sympathy of the many, given me in my going out to do the work which the women of the denomination in general, and the women of Vermont in particular, are sending me out to do for them.

After leaving Vermont, I went for instruction to Dr. Mary Bacheler in New Hampshire, where she was caring for her saintly father whose life, even in its declining days, is an inspiration to me.

While in Boston most of the time was spent in preparation for the voyage. I spent one Sunday with the church in Worcester. Three days were spent at Haverhill attending the annual meeting of the Board and Society. My reception there was most cordial and such as to inspire one to do her best there, and in the work on the field. My most earnest desire is to fulfil the hopes of those who send me out, but most of all to finish the work which God has given me to do. May I not have your prayers to this end? I need them, for I realize my own frailty and proneness to fall short of what I might do.

The trip across the Atlantic and the two weeks in London were delightful. I wish I might tell you about them, but I must not. We sailed from London Nov. 9, and now are approaching Marseilles. We expect to reach Calcutta Dec. 11, the stopping-places being Gibraltar, Marseilles, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Columbo, and Calcutta.

I have been sustained by your prayers, and I thank you for them and for all your kindnesses bestowed in my leaving my native land.

Yours for the extension of the Kingdom,

SHIRLEY HOLMES SMITH.

STRIVE vigorously to form, early in life, a habit of using everything that comes to you, whether pleasant or unpleasant, fortunate or unfortunate, to your advantage. Do not allow an unpleasant letter, a disagreeable criticism, an uncharitable remark, loss of property, or other trial of any kind to cloud your whole day and cast shadows over your life. Resolve vigorously to make every seeming stumbling-block a stepping-stone to higher and nobler endeavor. If you can make no other use of misfortune, you can use it as a point of departure for new and more determined effort.

LETTER FROM MISS COOMBS.

We are past the rains and are alive, and the whiffs of cool breezes which we get now and then give us the promise of more to follow and consequent bracing up to the duties about us, and a coming back to life with something of its fullness. I'm sure no one in New England can understand the lifelessness which takes possession of one here in the rains. "Dog-days" give a glimpse of it, but when dog-days are lengthened out into four months, with the thermometer standing at ninety degrees all the time, you can imagine the effect. It's no wonder our missionaries are flitting here and there in search of a little rest and recuperation about this time. This is the time, too, when a vacation is rather forced upon us because of the national holiday of two weeks, given in honor of one of their horrid gods or goddesses. I can never quite understand which, they change about so in their mythology.

Our plans were somewhat disarranged this year by a tremendous storm which lasted for three or four days and caused widespread destruction. Rivers overflowed their banks and became rushing torrents, sweeping houses, cattle, and sometimes people along with their mad current; fields became inland seas, and water stood for miles over the growing crops and around and in the villages till the houses crumbled down and became simply heaps of mud with the thatched roofs resting on top; railways were washed away and traffic stopped; Calcutta was several feet under water in places, and thousands were rendered homeless.

Poor India! Blow after blow does she receive, but whether the mass of the people recognize these events as the possible judgments of God cannot be known. Individuals say, "We know all our *poojahs* amount to nothing, and our gods do not listen to us." And when we tell them that it may be God—the real God—is punishing them for rejecting him and appealing only to false gods, they look sober and thoughtful and say, "Yes, yes, but this is the 'dark age'—the 'bright age' is to come later." That anybody has anything to do to bring in this "bright age" doesn't seem to strike them. That wide-spread ruin touched our field only in one place. The Christian village at Jellasore was nearly wiped out. Only parts of three or four houses were left standing. The people took refuge at the mission bungalow, filling its verandas and some of its rooms—men, women, and children huddled in, as best they could, with a few things snatched from their own falling houses. That was a fearful night for poor Mrs. Rae, for her husband was dangerously ill. The storm had so swollen the river between there and Santipore that no communication could be had with the missionaries there, and the confusion and distress of the villages of course added to her distress; but she did get through it, and now has taken Mr. Rae to Calcutta, where he is receiving the best of medical advice and care. She is a heroine.

I don't know what the villagers will do ; whether they will attempt to build again on their old ruins or not. The railway embankment runs to the east of them and makes a kind of dam which did not allow the water on the fields to run off, so it kept rising higher and higher around them. One old woman who refused to leave her house, and thought she would be safe on a kind of scaffolding, was found drowned the next morning. Such a storm does not come more than once in a generation, but if they build right there again they are likely to have the same catastrophe sometime. They all hate to move from a spot on which they have once settled. Just now they have put up little huts of branches and straw, and are getting on for the present as best they can. They have been helped to some extent by subscriptions ; our churches will take up collections, I trust, and their case will come up at yearly meeting, which is not far off. It is to be here this year, the 11th to the 19th of November. Miss Butts and I have one house, and Mr. and Mrs. Wyman the other, in which to entertain our brother and sister missionaries. We press the schoolhouses into service too. To plan for twelve or fourteen guests means a lot of looking ahead and "counting noses." Their beds, toilet tables, bathroom furniture, lamps, etc., to say nothing of extra dishes, knives, forks, and spoons, have to be thought of and provided for. We mean to borrow where we can, however, and trust them all to "put up with" considerable. We are anticipating a happy time.

My zenana work has had no such uncommon pupil as last year, nor do I know of any who show any special disposition to accept Christianity ; still their interest in their studies and in the religious teachings they receive is good, and I am continually receiving new applications for some teacher to be sent to this or that house—in fact more than can be supplied, at times. They are a changing lot of pupils, and on that account not so satisfactory as they otherwise would be.

The women of our Christian community have shown a disposition to try to do something for others, especially for the famine-stricken ones. And when they heard that an appeal had been made to our Orphanage to take some of the orphans, but the funds were not in hand and we weren't sure about them, they concluded to try to take the support of one, or at least to pay for her food, and they are doing it by a sewing society. They all meet once a month, and besides this ever so many of them take garments home to make, and the sewing is their contribution. The beauty of it is that the idea originated among themselves. Our W. C. T. U. also is holding its own very well and is an influence for good, especially among the mothers.

Well, the bell has just rung for our women's prayer meeting and I must leave this, hoping you will find something to ease my conscience in the line of writing for the *HELPER*. With love,

Midnapore, India, Oct. 17, 1900.

LAVINA COOMBS.

TREASURER'S NOTES.

New auxiliaries : *Novesta, Mich. ; Norwood, R. I. ; Pittsfield, Me.*

Three new auxiliaries are reported. What an inspiration it is to labor and pray for an enlargement of woman's work for woman—a work which calls for self-responsible, consecrated service for others, along lines that women are especially adapted to ! I hope for as many more new auxiliaries in December.

The first quarter of our financial year has been one of the slowest, so far as contributions from auxiliaries are concerned, for a long time. And yet the need has been supplied by special donations, like a bequest from Mrs. Mary A. Fiske of Ocean Park, Me., who loved the society very devotedly ; a special of \$100 from Nova Scotia, and \$100 from a lady " who does not want her left hand to know what her right hand doeth." This experience beautifully emphasizes the fact that God's resources are not limited to our ways of looking for them, either in supplying our own or others' needs. This is very comforting, particularly because I see how easily the unexpected comes in, and changes money from one benevolent channel into another, or lessens personal income in certain directions. In spite of all this, however, what ought to be done God wants to do, and will do if we but rest not " in power or might " but " in my Spirit." Surely, " in his own way he will provide." O sisters, let us work and trust, *work and trust*, there is no other way.

A remittance from the Gibson Q. M. of New York reminds one of the deep regret we feel that the Central States, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, were not reported in December. We now know that Mrs. Jackson sent the report in season for the annual meeting, but it has never been received. She sent an "open letter" to the States during the year, and good work has been done, particularly by the N. Y. Central Association in assuming the support of a zenana teacher. We are glad of another contribution this year by the Woman's Missionary Society of New Brunswick for the Widows' Home, amounting to \$50. In sending the receipt to Mrs. Vince, the treasurer of the society, I expressed the wish that the women of New Brunswick might feel a co-partner ownership, with their sisters on the other side of the "imaginary line," in the Widows' Home. A lady in Vermont asks if the Emergency League is still in existence. Yes ; it is for life, unless one asks to have his or her name taken off. There are about 140 members, and though no one has yet been asked for a penny, the League is a reserve power which, I believe, has given strength to the F. B. W. M. S. I hope no one will leave the League, but stay and work and pray and give, so as to prevent a call because of an overdrawn treasury.

A beautiful reminder of the loyalty of some men to the wishes of others was received the other day in the form of a letter from Andrew Boardman of

Skowhegan, Me. Recently, he found a letter written by his mother some months before her death—she died June 6, at ninety-five years of age. In it she wrote, "Here are fifty dollars for the Foreign Female Missionary Society." He completed the letter in this way: "I hasten to fill it out, and will send the money to you," inclosing a check for \$50. Evidently he is the kind of a man who would pay his note even if it were "outlawed"!

I am glad the primary and intermediate classes of the F. B. S. S. of Badger, Ind., keep up their interest in Miss Barnes. The auxiliary of Minneapolis gladdens the treasury with \$45, saying, "We have made the same appropriation for F. M. work as last year." If every other society in Minnesota does the same, other States must work hard to win the necklet away from Minnesota! A friend of Miss Abby Phinney sends a contribution in her name. "Though dead she yet speaketh," and so lovely a spirit as hers will live sweetly in the memory of all who knew her. A lady in New York sends her usually generous contribution, saying, "I am still at my usual work, and very thankful to be able to do this work, otherwise I might not be able to send you my mites as now." Oh, the blessedness of receiving that we may give! The Brewster Library is now safely housed in the new school building in Cairo, Ill., according to the intent of the donor, Marilla M. Brewster, who gave it by will to the Cairo Mission.

I hear many pleasant things said about Dr. Shirley Smith's trip in Vermont. She made many friends in the State, which will result, we hope, in taking her so completely into their hearts by the people that she will be as well supported as was Mrs. Smith, whose salary was, generally, fully met. Dr. Smith made a good impression on the board in its meeting at Haverhill, Mass. I spent a night with her in Boston, and we had a frank talk together, especially about the care of her health. I think we were fully agreed that God holds us to an account for the way we use our bodies, and the rule is, "his grace is sufficient" for physical need, if we only seek earnestly to know his will in the matter.

While in Rhode Island, in October, I met several young people's societies, and talked with them about their kindergarten work. I called their attention to the great need there is of a permanent kindergarten hall, which will be "The Rhode Island" if the funds should come from Rhode Island, the same as is the one now in use, which was fitted up by the young people of Rhode Island several years ago, with the understanding it would last about five years. Now a much larger building is needed for the constantly growing work, one which will cost about \$1200. If only some one would help the young people by a good, generous gift of \$500, I feel sure they would take hold of the matter with a will! I know of no better way to serve the cause of missions than to provide ample accommodations for kindergarten work, as it commends itself to all classes, high and low, and educates the very little ones away from heathenism without arousing opposition. Rhode Island cannot do a better thing than put its name on a building that will stand for years to come as an exponent of one of the best ways to win the young to right ways of thinking and living. I also attended the

annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the State. It was an excellent meeting. Miss Lena Fenner gave an interesting account of her trip to New Brunswick, in which she attended the meeting of the Young People's League. She was present when Miss Gertrude Hartley offered herself for the foreign field. The young people had been praying for some one to go, and all were deeply moved when she told them of her call. I have known dear Miss Gertrude for several years—I think she will allow me to call her "one of my girls"—and I have known how she has been led, and I look for blessed work by her in India. I was much gratified to note that many young women in Rhode Island are interested in the W. M. S., and are feeling a personal responsibility for the work. Organization was discussed, and the corresponding secretary, Miss Fenner, has the oversight of making new auxiliaries, aided by Mrs. Andrews, the president, and Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Sherwood. Only one thing thou lackest, "Little Rhody," and that is better reporting for the MISSIONARY HELPER! By the way, will not other States report the names of State organizers? Mrs. G. C. Waterman is organized for Vermont.

Late in October I attended the meeting of the society of Christian Endeavor of the F. B. church of Portland, Me. It leads Endeavor societies in Maine in missionary contributions. They are an enthusiastic band of missionary workers, and no wonder, with such a chairman of the missionary committee as is Miss Hamm. They have recently sent a box to Miss Coombs valued at \$62.

We regret that Mrs. Roberts's continued ill health prevents her from continuing as secretary of the Cradle-Roll, but we are glad that one so efficient and so filled with the same spirit as is Mrs. Roberts, takes her place—Mrs. Ada George, Pittsfield, Me. She is going about her new duties with her usual promptness and enthusiasm. Soon the Cradle-Roll will be able to support three children, if even only those now enrolled make contributions this year on the fifteen-cent basis, and if the policy of the department to move steadily on is carried out, more than three will be supported.

The publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER is doing some excellent work for our little magazine. She is sending a letter to each local agent, urging on her attention the premiums, the importance of having all subscriptions paid in advance, and of getting new subscribers. If we can only have a revival of advance payments of all subscriptions for the MISSIONARY HELPER, there will be no deficit at the close of the present year. And if all the friends of the HELPER should donate new subscriptions, as Mrs. Buzzell, of Ocean Park, has recently done, what a boom the HELPER would have! By the way, Ocean Park has an enviable reputation, among business men in adjoining towns, for paying its bills. The local store-keeper has, probably, fewer unpaid bills, in proportion to his business, than any grocery man for miles around. Moral: if all Free Baptists paid their subscriptions to the MISSIONARY HELPER, *Morning Star*, and *Free Baptist* as promptly and as fully as the summer and winter residents of Ocean Park pay their bills, these periodicals would all be on a paying basis, and with money in the treasury for making them better. I hope our publisher will have the loyal support of agents and friends in her efforts to make the MISSIONARY HELPER a self-supporting magazine in the near future.

Ocean Park, Me.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

Helps for Monthly Meetings.

TOPICS FOR 1901.

January—Consecration and Review.

February—Prayer and Praise.

March—Christian Missions in the 19th Century :

1. Awakening and Beginnings.

April— 2. The Century in India.

May—Thank-Offering.

June— 3. The Century in China.

July— 4. The Century in Japan.

August—Outing.

September— 5. The Century in Africa.

October—Roll-call and Membership Meeting.

November—“Missionary Helper” Rally.

December— 6. Opportunities and Coming Conflict of the 20th Century.

FEBRUARY.—PRAYER AND PRAISE.

Prayers are heard in heaven very much in proportion to our faith. Little faith will get very great mercies, but great faith still greater.—*Spurgeon*.

Call to Prayer.

Each day, each hour gives evidence of our Heavenly Father's care. Each day, each hour should give evidence of thankfulness in the hearts of his children for mercies and blessings received, and a desire for their continuance.

Recognizing this fact, may this missionary society, with loving haste, respond to the “Call to Prayer” for February, 1901.

MARY A. DAVIS, *President.*

ALICE M. METCALF, *Recording Secretary.*

Suggestive Program.

Read “Call to Prayer.”

Leader.—“Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.”

Members.—“Prayer is a haven to the shipwrecked mariner, an anchor unto them who are sinking in the waves, a staff to them that totter, a mine of jewels to the poor. O blessed prayer! thou art the unwearied conqueror of human woes.”

Singing, “Sweet Hour of Prayer.”

Bible reading: Subject, “Prayer.”

Let earnest prayer be offered that great wisdom may be given in arranging the details of the work.

Prayer for a larger and clearer conception of the thought that to be a Christian, one must be a missionary in spirit and in action.

Prayer for a richer experience of the truth, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Singing, "We praise thee, O God."

Thanksgiving and praise that our beloved "Dr. Mary" is regaining health and strength.

Thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished by our beloved toilers in missionary enterprises, and earnest supplication that the best and fullest success may crown their efforts.

Talk on present needs: More auxiliaries, more missionary intelligence, more consecration.

Prayer that our work may be extended by the continued formation of new auxiliaries, and that the MISSIONARY HELPER may be joyfully received into the hearts and homes of our women.

Prayer for laborers—God sent—to fill the vacant places and extend our denominational mission borders.

MARY A. DAVIS, *Pres.*

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

Bible Reading: The Prayer Basis of Missions.

Leader.—The greatest need of the missionary work under all societies and in all lands is prayer. It is our privilege and duty to unite in the prayer that was emphasized by our Lord.

Response.—Luke 10: 2.

Leader.—There are promises for marvelous things in the Bible for those who work and pay and pray for missions. Let us hear one chain of them.

Response.—Isa. 58: 8-12.

Leader.—If we would have our prayers prevail with God for our missionaries, or for the heathen, we must become so much imbued with their needs that we must urge them as if they were our own. Give an example.

Response.—Matt. 15: 21-28, emphasize the 21st and 28th verses.

Leader.—Only when the Church of God comes to realize the immensity of the field for mission work, and the darkness and despair of the Christless millions, and the subtle influences that have a constant tendency to deaden the spiritual life of our missionaries, will they pray with that fervency and persistency that they should.

Response.—Isa. 62: 6, 7.

Leader.—What authority have Christians for fervent, persistent prayer for missions?

Responses.—Rom. 8: 26; Matt. 7: 11.

—*The Christian Missionary.*

The Missionary Helper Branch of the International Sunshine Society.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.

IN entering upon our second year, the president sends greetings to all the members, with the hope that every one has enjoyed the first year of our sunshine work. Thanks are due those who have kindly passed on good cheer in the name of the I. S. S., and thus made the past year one of true sunshine to all the members of the MISSIONARY HELPER Branch.

The following have helped greatly in sending out Christmas sunshine: Mrs. Harriet Jenkins, who passed on ten Christmas greetings, and Mrs. M. White, who asked for several names to whom she could send a sunshine remembrance. Miss M. Blanche Chesley, Miss Mae Yetman, Mrs. H. H. Moore, and Mrs. J. Traver also gave a number of gifts to I. S. S. members. Miss Minnie S. Walton wrote asking if a Christmas gift sent to a member would answer as her initiation fee. A name and address were sent, and in a few days came another letter saying the mother, Mrs. B. F. Walton, and sister, Miss Josephine E. Walton, would also pass on a gift as their dues. This is truly a sunshine family and we welcome them gladly to our society.

It is hoped that all members receiving sunshine will acknowledge the same to the donors whenever the names are attached. Many who contribute these little greetings are themselves invalids, and to receive no response is not only disheartening, but deprives the givers of a real pleasure in not knowing that their gifts are appreciated. A word of thanks is like reflected sunshine.

SUNSHINE WANTED.

News has been received from the husband of one of our shut-in members, Mrs. Lucy A. Hill Santa Ana, Cal., that she is very ill, confined to her bed, not able to write and seldom able to dictate, but that she is much comforted by hearing from her I. S. S. friends. It is very little to ask of us, just a sunny letter now and then to brighten a darkened life.

SUNSHINE GIVEN.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Free Baptist church of Brooklyn, N. Y., last spring voted to join the International Sunshine Society in a body, and as their membership fee and special work took the support of a little widow in India. Word has been sent from Balasore that Buri has been assigned to the Aid Society as its special charge, and will be known as "the sunshine widow." Her support in the home involves a pledge of twenty-five dollars annually.

Another large donation of worsted has been received from Mrs. L. A. Barringer, who gave in answer to the first request, but when she knew we needed more, gave again.

Mrs. A. E. Williams of Cleveland, O., has written thanks for the official pin of the society, also for enrolment in the I. S. S., saying, "I appreciate both acts greatly." Mrs. Williams was made a member for adding pleasure as a traveling companion during a recent trip through the Yellowstone Park.

Mrs. Byron Wheeler of Concordia, Kan., has sent a number of *HELPERS* for the president's use, and writes that she will be glad to do what she can for the I. S. S. work.

Mrs. A. Williams, a Brooklyn sunshine helper, has passed on a large quantity of good reading matter the past month.

Miss Eva F. Baker has offered to send the *Morning Star* each week to a branch member, and has also given fifty cents for a sunshine pin.

By request we print again the information in regard to the society pin. The German silver stick pins are 5 cents; white enamel with gold letters, or gold plated with white enamelled letters, 50 cents; solid gold, \$1.25. Any price pin, except the German silver ones, can be ordered either in stick pin or brooch style. The badges can be ordered from the pres., Mrs. R. D. Lord, 232 Keap St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Practical Christian Living.

Practical Christian living is "to condense and crystallize into the uses of daily life the teachings of Christ."



THE STILL HOUR.

PRAYER.

Prayers ardent open heaven.—*Young.*

IF anyone is ever troubled with doubts about prayer, those two simple words, "Our Father," if he can really once believe them in their full richness and depth, will make the doubts vanish in a moment, and prayer seem the most natural and reasonable of all acts. It is because we are God's children, not merely his creatures, that he will have us pray. Because he is educating us to know him, to know him to be not only an Almighty Power, but a living, loving person ; not merely an irresistible Fate, but a Father who delights in the love of his children, who wishes to shape them into his own likeness, and make them fellow-workers with him ; therefore it is that he will have us pray. Doubtless he could give us everything without our asking, for he does already give us almost everything without our asking ; but he wishes to educate us as his children to make us trust in him, to make us love him, to make us work for him, of our own free wills, in the great battle which he is carrying on against evil ; and that he can only do by teaching us to pray to him. . . . If a man will let God make him a new creature in Jesus Christ, then he will be more than happy, he will be blessed ; then he will be a blessing to himself, and a blessing to everyone whom he meets ; then all vain longings, and selfishness, and pride, and ambition, and covetousness, and peevishness, and disappointment will vanish out of his heart, and he will work manfully and contentedly where God has placed him—cheerful and open-hearted, civil and patient, always thinking about others, and not about himself ; trying to be about his Master's business, which is doing good ; and always finding, too, that his Master, Christ, sets him some good work to do day by day, and gives him strength to do it. And how can a man get that noble and blessed state of mind? By prayer and practice. You must ask for strength from God ; but then you must believe that he answers your prayer, and gives you that strength ; and therefore you must try to use it. There is no more use in praying without practicing than there is practicing without praying. You cannot learn to walk without walking ; no more can you learn to do good without trying to do good.—*Kingsley.*



"PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire, spoken or unexpressed."

AN INTERVIEW WITH DEBORAH.

DEBORAH the Wise Woman is my neighbor, and I often have occasion to borrow the light of her lantern when I am going her way—candor compels me to admit that she does not always go mine—but, as Solomon long ago declared, “Whoso walketh with wise men shall be wise.” I see no reason why the same enviable result should not follow from the companionship of the wise woman. I was pondering my subject rather hopelessly, wondering what I should say to advance the claims of the petitioner, when Deborah looked over my shoulder.

“Money and Missions,” she said. “My dear, you have put the cart before the horse. What you mean is Missions and Money.”

“Isn’t that much the same?” I asked, meekly.

“Certainly not. The relation of money to missions is patent to every one. Conviction, desire, consecration, enthusiasm, all must wait upon money for the power that utilizes them and brings them to bear upon the end sought. We workers see this so clearly that in our zeal for securing it we are tempted to make everything else secondary and not lay sufficient stress upon enlightening and educating and training people to intelligent giving. But we never question the fundamental importance of money to missions. The trouble is, we are afraid to assert boldly that the relation of missions to money is that of a legitimate claimant upon the estate; his share is not a matter of favor, but of debt, and we women especially need to be brought to understand this.”

“I wonder, Deborah, if understanding the relation would make a difference. You know the woman is not usually administrator of the estate. Her views on equity do not go far in deciding things.”

“They decide much more than she is willing to concede. As long as she consents to bring her claimant in the back door and assign him only the scraps and stray pennies, she cannot expect he will be acknowledged as an heir.”

“I am afraid, Deborah, that even good women are not always intelligent.”

“Neither are all good men; if they were, every wife and mother would have a regular income for her own expenditure, not as a matter of law, but of mutual agreement, and the overtaxed burden-bearers of church and society who wear out soul and body in engineering dinners, luncheons, suppers, and the whole delusive train of fairs, festivals, and kindred follies, might be freed from their bondage. These things do not owe their existence to any lack of intelligence on the part of the women. The wife understands even more thoroughly than her husband the heavy cost at which the money for the church carpet was raised, or the bazaar of all nations made to yield revenue for the missionary society, but so far as she can see no other method is open to her. The man who insists on the superior economy of taking the money at once out of your

pocket usually means some other man's pocket—so far at least as the wife's pocket is concerned, she is too often conscious the money is not there. But the generous husband who pays his bills without a murmur, would pay them as cheerfully if they were increased from five to ten dollars, so the wife donates cake, oysters, and beans, the cost of which duly appears in the grocer's bill, and adds her own exhaustive labor, the cost of which also appears in the doctor's bill. From an outlay of from two to ten dollars, not to put a price upon her toil and weariness and anxiety, the cause which she is championing may not net half so much. To abolish the evil you must make it possible for women to give directly and then educate them up to it."

"But surely there is something to be said for bazaars and the like in the way of education, and of bringing your work before people who neither know nor care about it. The money you get from them would not have been tithed—it is a sort of spoiling the Philistines."

"Yes, there is no doubt about its being educative. It educates them to go on being Philistines, and feeling that they are doing a magnanimous thing when they pay half price for a fine supper that somebody donated, or buy fancy articles on which somebody lavished nerves and brain and eyesight. And it educates your own church people into shiftless, indirect ways of meeting their responsibilities, and it burdens and kills your best women. It is an awful waste of ointment, this selling to the Gentiles what ought to be poured at the Master's feet in love's anointing. I always did glory in Abraham's declaration to the King of Sodom, 'I will not take anything from a thread to a shoe latchet, lest thou should say I have made Abraham rich.' "

"Yes, but, Deborah, you must remember that he had already given three tithes of all he had to Melchisedec, the priest. If he had gone home and told Sarah that the altar was out of repair and that she and her handmaidens must attend to the matter, I'm not so sure but they might have been tempted to get up a sale of 'broidered work' or seethe kids and serve them to strangers at a shekel a stew."

"I think better of Sarah's business ability," said the Wise Woman, sturdily. "She never would have been deluded by a scheme like the bazaar of all nations, in which our churches united last winter. Think of the amount of money taken in, and yet the expenses were so enormous that only a small amount was left to divide among the charities. The pastor's wife figured that an assessment of fifty cents a member would have netted more than their proportion of earnings, after all their donations and weeks of hard work that made the memory of the beautiful pageant a horrible nightmare to some of them."

"Well, I'll confess, Deborah, that I myself expended for car-fare and

lunches during those weeks a good deal more than some of us feel we can subscribe to the missionary society. I was appalled when I came to count it up and consider that nearly every one of our women had done the same—five dollars apiece at the lowest estimate—but we never would have paid that five dollars outright."

"That only shows your need of training in business methods, or rather in Christian methods of giving. From a business point of view it is not good policy that so noble a part of the work for which a church exists should only come before people as a suppliant for favors, and that by indirect methods. A fraction of the labor and thought and ingenuity that is bestowed upon these affairs would serve to sustain social gatherings that would be an immense gain to the spirit of fellowship that might be made instructive as well as delightful, and pay a thousandfold in the end in actual gain of workers as well as money."

A compelling motive is needed and that compelling motive is love—love before which the horizon broadens with every step in advance; love that does not shrink back appalled, but presses on to new conquests.—*Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller, read at the Ecumenical Conference.*

HERE AND THERE.

THE December number of *Life and Light* contains the conclusion of the Journal of Miss Andrews, written during the siege of Pekin. It is intensely interesting, and full of beautiful suggestiveness. After her home, books, pictures, and the dear gifts of friends were destroyed, she wrote, "I find I did care for my possessions, now they are in ashes, though their loss does not make me unhappy, and I am glad that the really precious things cannot be lost." On Sunday she made this entry, "We have had our usual Sabbath service to-day. This afternoon a very precious experience meeting, telling one another the lessons the Lord had been teaching us during these weeks of stress and storm, and the things for which we thank the Lord." Toward evening, after another meeting: "Just as I was starting back another terrible attack began and I was rather afraid; but I could not know how long it would last, and dared not wait lest it be dark, so I rushed, and asked the Lord as I went to cover me with his hand, and he did." . . . One who entered Pekin with the Allies writes: "The Chinese Imperial Government is not humbled; it has suffered defeat, but it has not repented. It did its utmost to kill not only our ministers but all foreigners in China. I have seen six secret edicts which prove this. If the Powers agree to a settlement without putting China under foreign tutelage (not actual rule) peace will be but temporary. The same old régime of destruction, hatred, and persecution will return as it did after England and France had defeated China in 1860 and as was the case after the severe thrashing Japan gave her in 1895. China has learned nothing."

Words from Home Workers.

IOWA.—The Iowa Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its annual meeting with the little Adair church, Aug. 24, 1900. The meeting was called to order by the president. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Thera B. True, Edgewood; secretary, Myrtle E. Very, Fairbank; treasurer, Mrs. M. D. Mack, Orchard; superintendent Cradle-Roll, Mrs. Carrie Miles, Tripoli; agent for *MISSIONARY HELPER*, Mrs. Comstock, Spencer. It was voted to raise \$300 the coming year for Miss Scott, and \$100 for State work, if a State agent is employed by home missionary board. On Saturday evening a very interesting program was given. Reports of the different Q. M. societies were read which were encouraging. We are not only glad for what we were able to accomplish in our work last year, but it is our prayer that we may have better reports at the close of this year. The W. M. S. raised for missions, outside of the home work, \$398.27.

MYRTLE E. VERY, *Sec.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The W. M. S. of the Rockingham Association held its fall session at Hampton, Oct. 17. The following program was carried out in the afternoon: Reading 23d Psalm in concert; report of secretary; report of treasurer; duet, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Garland; address, "The Relation of the Woman's Missionary Societies to the Ecumenical Conference," Rev. R. L. Duston; address, "Our Work," Mrs. A. B. Webber; reading, "Freely ye have received," Miss Collins; offering; duet, Miss May and Florence Stevens; reading, Miss Hazel Leavitt; reading, Miss Mildred Bachelder; dialog, by three little girls; benediction.

[MRS.] MAUDE WENTZELL OSGOOD, *Sec.*

MAINE.—The W. M. S. of the Sebec Q. M. held its September session at Atkinson, Sept. 15, in connection with the Q. M. held at that place. The meeting was in many ways a success, and must surely prove a new inspiration to the sisters of the several auxiliaries. The prayer and social service led by Sister Jennie Lyford was especially helpful, and seemed so truly spiritual in nature as to lead every one into a more sacred nearness to, a more perfect harmony with, our divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There were nine prayers and forty-five testimonies offered, each seeming a message from our Heavenly Father. After prayer and social service, three little sisters sang a song which was highly appreciated by every one. The reading of the records of the previous meeting by the secretary, and the discussion of questions pertaining to foreign missions were followed by a song by the quartet. A very interesting paper, "A Tribute to Mrs. Sarah Bacheler," was then read by Sister E. A. Schermerhorn in her usual bright and inspiring manner. After the meeting, we all returned to our homes feeling that this session of the W. M. S. had been truly helpful.

VILDA M. PICKERING, *Sec.*

LETTER FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

DEAR EDITOR AND FRIENDS: I do gladly comply with the request, "Please send notes for MISSIONARY HELPER." At one time I never dreamed it would become my duty to do so, but often wondered why our foreign mission work was not represented through the columns of this instructive magazine, which comes as a constant visitor to so many of our homes in this Province.

No doubt a number of Nova Scotia sisters, who have found homes in the various churches in the United States, were once identified with this conference and connected with the W. F. M. Society. They will be pleased to learn that we are carrying forward the good work commenced more than twenty-five years ago. The society is well organized. Nearly every pastorate has auxiliaries. As a rule the pastors are men interested in the work, lending aid in many ways. Occasionally an auxiliary will appropriate a certain sum to a specific purpose, but most of the finances are disposed of and sent to India through the general fund.

In reviewing the past year's work we cannot fail to see advancement within our borders. We notice signs of prosperity on the part of the young people. The children, too, are being trained up in missionary societies by various names. The annual meeting, held Aug. 31, was a season of refreshing. Among the speakers of the evening was Mrs. Wm. McPherson, who interested a large, attentive audience with bright bits of her experience while in India, imparting to the workers new hope and new aspiration. On the platform was seen the familiar form of Mrs. James Cushing of Caledonia, Queens County, N. S. Her kind words, untiring efforts, unlimited liberality, and excellent judgment are heartily appreciated by all. We hope years of usefulness may yet be added to her life.

Bro. Twort of Lawrence, Mass., and Bro. Wilson of Lowell, added greatly to the success of the program so well rendered. A meeting of the board was held and appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars to be sent to India immediately; three hundred dollars to Dr. Burkholder, and one hundred to Miss Gaunce. Total amount raised, \$512.34. We are reserving enough to procure outfit, etc., for our missionary, when ready to sail from the shores of Nova Scotia.

Whenever returned missionaries have come this way their efforts have been blessed. We owe our existence as an organization to the visit of Miss Julia Phillips. Some few years ago Bro. E. B. Stiles made an extended tour throughout this Province, and the effort put forth at that time was heartily appreciated and profitable. Later, Miss Edna Wile spent a few weeks, speaking often for her Master in the interest of heathendom. Two societies organized by her, Pubnico Head and Shag Harbor, are in good working order. We trust some one else will come some day.

Wishing you all prosperity and a Happy New Year, I remain, yours
Pubnico Head, N. S. [MRS.] G. M. WILSON.

Our Juniors.

"When every little hand
Shall sow the Gospel seed,
And every little heart
Shall pray for those in need,

"When every little life
Such fair, bright record shows,
Then shall the desert bud
And blossom like the rose."

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY MEETING.

SUBJECT—THE NEW YEAR.

1. Opening hymn. "Jesus Christ Our Saviour," (one or two children singing the questions, the others joining in answers and chorus), No. 16, Gospel Hymns No. 5.
2. Prayer by the leader for God's blessing on the work of the band for the year to come.
3. By the members in concert :

Lord, guide my steps and rule my thoughts,
To-day and every day,
And let me keep thee in my mind
In all I do and say.

Question. What is the New Year saying to us?

Answer. Recitation by a little boy :

The New Year.

"Now, what is that noise?" said the glad New Year,
"Now, what is that singular sound I hear?
As if all the paper in all the world
Were rattled and shaken and twisted and twirled."
"Oh, that," said the jolly old Earth, "is the noise
Of all my children, both girls and boys,
A-turning over their leaves so new
And all to do honor, New Year, to you."

Ques. What more can be said of the Book of the New Year?

Ans. Recitation by a little girl :

The book of the New Year is opened,
Its pages are spotless and new;
And so, as each leaflet is turning,
Dear children, beware what you do.
Let never a bad thought be cherished,
Keep the tongue from a whisper of guile,
And see that your faces are windows
Through which a sweet spirit shall smile.

And weave for your souls the fair garment
 Of honor, and beauty, and truth,
 Which will still with a glory enfold you,
 When faded the spell of your youth.
 And if on some page you discover,
 At evening, a blot or a scrawl,
 Kneel quickly, and ask the dear Saviour
 In mercy to cover it all.
 So when the strange book shall be finished
 And clasped by the angel so tight,
 You may feel, though the work be imperfect,
 You have earnestly tried for the right.

Leader. The children in answer to their names will, in this New Year's meeting, tell us what the Bible says about new things.

- (a) A new song; responses, Ps. 40: 3; 96: 1; 98: 1; 144: 9; 149: 1; Isa. 42: 10; Rev. 5: 9; 14: 3.
- (b) A new commandment. John 13: 34.
- (c) A new heart and spirit. Ezek. 11: 19; 36: 26.
- (d) A new creature. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
- (e) A new name. Rev. 2: 17.
- (f) Our new mercies. Lam. 3: 22, 23.

To be read by the leader after a word of explanation of the new life of the Christian. See Rom. 6: 4.

" New mercies, new blessings, new light on thy way;
 New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
 New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight;
 New songs in the morning, new songs in the night;
 New wine in the chalice, new altars to raise;
 New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
 New gifts from his treasure, new smiles from his face;
 New streams from the fountains of infinite grace;
 New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
 New gleams for the glory that waits thee above;
 New light of his countenance, full and unpriced –
 All this be the joy of thy new life in Christ."

Singing, " Little Lights," No. 121, *Gospel Hymns* No. 5.

—*Home Mission Echoes.*

THE CRADLE-ROLL.

THE Cradle-Roll list will be carefully revised, and appear in March. It will contain only the names of the Cradle-Rolls which have sent money to the treasury of the F. B. W. M. S. since Jan. 1, 1900. Will not all interested in the Cradle-Roll work take note of this fact, and see that all fees and contributions are forwarded to the treasury by Feb. 5? All will co-operate with the society, I am sure, in having a paid-up Cradle-Roll. LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

BUSY JUNIORS.

THE Junior C. E. Society of the South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, Me., church held their second thank-offering meeting Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17, in the vestry. The president had charge of the exercises, which consisted of short recitations and readings taken largely from the *HELPER*. After the collection was taken, by two of the smaller members, another of the younger girls followed the others to the front and repeated a short prayer that God would bless the pennies given. The amount of their offering was \$6.44.

The juniors were asked to write on slips of paper the ways in which they earned their money, and inclose the slips in little envelopes together with their money. The following are some of the ways given: "Bringing up coal and selling blueing." "Some given, some washing dishes." "Selling apples." "Saved the pennies that were given me." "Washing dishes, going after milk, and running errands." "Earned ten cents feeding hens." "Some given me, some for pulling weeds." "Earned money by raising and selling sage." This is from one of the youngest, perhaps the youngest member of the society, and written for her by her mamma, "I earned some of my money wiping dishes, some selling cornballs, saved some pennies given for candy, and some that were given me to buy a new head for my doll." . G. A. N.

The editor thinks that the boys and girls at Cape Elizabeth did beautifully. Are there not other juniors who would like to have the same kind of a thank-offering service?

STATEMENT OF ROLL OF HONOR.

I HAVE carefully examined the Roll of Honor, giving credit for all money received since Dec. 1, 1899, and find only sixty-four shares paid in full. I give below the shares which have been paid in part and the amount, and shares where nothing has been paid. In a few instances these shares have been added during 1900, but for some reason, possibly an oversight, they have not been paid. If there are any mistakes in this list, please correct.

Unpaid Roll of Honor.

N. H., Gonic, Junior A. F. C. E.	1 share
Mich., Manton, F. B. Mission Band	1 share
N. Y., Poland, Junior C. E.	1 share
N. H., Alton, Junior A. C. F. Paid \$4	2 shares
Me., Dover and Foxcroft, Junior A. C. F.	1 share
Pa., Keeneyville, Children's Mission Band	1 share
N. H., Laconia, Junior C. E., First F. B. ch.	1 share
N. H., Concord, Curtis Memorial ch., Junior Dept. Paid \$2.75	1 share
Mich., Mason, "Willing Workers"	1 share
N. H., Lakeport, Junior C. E., Park St. ch.	1 share

Minn., Nashville Center, Mission Band	1 share
Minn., Huntley S. S. Paid \$6	2 shares
Kan., Union Valley, Children's Day	1 share
Me., West Bowdoin, children. Paid \$1.75	1 share
N. H., Epsom, Primary S. S. class. Paid .68	1 share
Me., Lisbon, Juniors	1 share
N. H., Franconia, S. S. Paid \$2	1 share
Ohio, Marion, S. S.	1 share
N. H., New Hampton, Junior C. E.	2 shares
Minn., Winnebago City, F. B. S. S.	1 share
N. Y., Elmira, Junior C. E. of First F. B. church	1 share
Mich., Watertown, Mission Band	1 share
N. H., Center Sandwich, Junior Mission Band	1 share
Mass., Lawrence, Junior A. C. F. of First F. B. church	1 share
Minn., Money Creek, S. S. of F. B. church	1 share
Ind., Prairie, F. B. Christian Band	1 share
Pa., Lawsville Center, Junior Mission Band	1 share
Me., Limerick, Children's Mission Band. Paid \$1.50	1 share
Ill., Chicago, Y. P. S. C. E. of F. B. ch.	1 share
N. S., Barrington Temple, F. B. Junior C. E. Paid \$4	2 shares
Mich., Hillsdale, A. C. F.	1 share
Me., Bowdoinham Ridge, S. S. Paid \$2	1 share
Wis., Rosendale Center, F. B. S. S. Paid \$2.75	1 share
N. Y., Fairport, "Willing Workers"	1 share
Pa., Holliday, Mission Band	1 share
Ind., Badger, S. S. Paid \$1.75	1 share
N. H., Contoocook, F. B. S. S. Paid \$2	1 share
Iowa, Lincoln, S. S.	1 share
N. Y., Brooklyn, First F. B. church, Mrs. Furman's class, in memory of Emmet Johnston	1 share
N. Y., Prospect, Junior C. E. of F. B. church	1 share
Kan., Horton, Junior C. E. Paid \$1	1 share

I hope all whose names appear on this list will decide to pay the amount owed, as we should be *very sorry* to drop you. Please do so at once, as the Roll of Honor will appear in April with only those who have paid for at least one share in full since Dec. 1, 1899. It will be a Roll of Honor, indeed. Will not all now on the Roll decide to make a part of the new record? Think! What a sorry plight the Roll of Honor will present if only sixty-four shares appear—not quite one-half of all the shares needed to pay Miss Barnes's salary and the appropriation to her work.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

THERE is a bit of comfort for us commonplace, humdrum people to whom God has only given one or two talents, and who can never expect to make a figure before men. We may be little violets below a stone, if we cannot be flaunting hollyhocks and tiger-lilies. We may have the beauty of goodness in us after Christ's example, and that is better than to be great.—*Selected.*

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for November, 1900.

MAINE.

Anson Q. M. aux.	\$3.00
Augusta aux. for Miss Coombs	5.00
Augusta by Mrs. Olive Penney for "Rahdi"	
and on L. M. in Gen. Soc. of Mrs. Everett	
Lesher	5.00
Bath North St. W. M. S. T. O.	13.64
Cape Elizabeth for famine widows and chil-	
dren in India	10.00
Cumberland Conference coll. for Miss Coombs	13.00
E. Otisfield Q. M. W. M. S.	7.00
E. Parsonsfield by P. B. Allen for "Callie	2.00
Weeks"	18.00
Lewiston Main St. aux. for Miss Coombs's sal.	
Litchfield Plains for Tipperi's sal. \$12 T. O.	
\$2	14.00
Lyman ch.	2.00
Mapleton aux. for native teacher "Paras"	12.00
New Portland 2d ch. aux.	1.25
No. Anson ch. aux. Miss Coombs \$2 Miss	
Barnes \$2	4.00
No. Anson Cradle-Roll	.45
Phillips W. M. S. to Miss L. C. Coombs for	
zenana work	
Pittsfield by Topknot	5.00
Raymond Miss Abbie F. Phinny	.35
Raymond Mrs. Celestia A. Plumer	.50
So. Portland F. B. juniors Soc. for Miss Barnes	.50
So. Windham Junior C. E. for Miss Barnes	4.00
Skowhegan Susan Boardman by her son	2.00
Andrew Boardman	50.00
Waterville aux.	1.10
Wells Branch ch.	23.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Bow Lake aux.	
Dover Hills H. and F. M. Soc. for Storer	
Dover Miss Susie Littlefield net proceeds of a	
mortgage held in trust by L. A. D.	
Gonic F. B. ch. Cradle-Roll	100.00
Laconia aux.	1.80
(L. M. of Mrs. M. A. Ainger is completed	19.70
and \$5.85 is applied on L. M. of Mrs. A. M.	
Perkins.	
Lakeport aux. Int. on Ellen M. Cole fund for	
widow in W. H.	10.00
Milton Junior A. C. F. for Miss Barnes	8.00
New Durham aux.	10.00
So. Danville aux.	6.00
Somersworth aux. for Bessie Peckham School	15.00
Somersworth aux. for Miss Butts	5.00
T. T. S. for Miss Barnes	5.00
Walnut Grove aux.	7.00
Whitefield W. M. S. for Molina in Dr. Burk-	
holder's Orphanage	25.00

VERMONT.

E. Orange ch. for Dr. Smith	5.00
Middlesex ch. for Dr. Smith	5.50
Middlesex ch. W. O. Cummings for Dr. Smith	1.50
No. Tunbridge F. B. ch. for Dr. Smith	5.00
Orange Co. Asso. for Dr. Smith	5.62
St. Johnsbury aux. for Dr. Smith	12.00
Washington aux. for Dr. Smith	.75
Wheelock Asso. for Dr. Smith	3.09

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn Miss Eva Baker for L. M. of Mrs.	
Susan E. Baker of Sabattus, Me.	\$20.00
Gibson Q. M. W. M. S. for native teacher	7.50

OHIO.

South Ridge ch. W. M. S.	2.50
Venice Mrs. Martha Pugh for F. M.	1.00
Venice ch. miss. coll.	3.20

INDIANA.

Badger F. B. primary and intermediate S. S.	
classes for Miss Barnes	1.00

ILLINOIS.

Ava aux. for F. M.	1.50
Murphysboro aux. for F. M.	1.50

MICHIGAN.

Batavia aux. F. M.	2.50
Davison aux. F. M. \$1.10 H. M. \$1.10 Storer	
.55	2.75
Elsie aux. F. M.	1.25
Fenville aux. F. M. .87 H. M. .88	1.75
Gilford aux. F. M. \$1.46 H. M. \$1.46 Storer .74	3.06
Gobleville F. B. ch. C. E. Juniors Miss Barnes	4.00
Gobleville aux. F. M. \$2.12 Storer \$2.13 .20	4.25
Goodrich aux. F. M. .40 H. M. .40 Storer .20	1.00
Green Oak aux. F. M. .59 H. M. .68	1.37
Montcalm Q. M. F. M. \$4.26 H. M. 4.26	8.52
Novesta aux. F. M. .50 H. M. .50	1.00
Oakland Q. M. F. M.	.25
Onsted Ruth Daniels for Miss Barnes	
Ortonville aux. F. M. \$4.00 H. M. \$4.00 Storer	
\$2	10.00
Oshtemo aux. F. M. \$1.50 H. M. \$1.50	3.00

MINNESOTA.

Brainard W. M. S. H. M. \$3 F. M. \$7	10.00
Huntley W. M. S.	17.00
Madelia aux. F. M.	15.00
Minneapolis 1st F. B. ch. W. M. S. for zenana	
teacher	
Minneapolis 1st F. B. ch. for F. M.	25.00
Nashville Center W. M. S. 1 2 H. M. 1 2 F. M.	20.00
Verona F. B. Miss. Soc.	17.00
Winnebago Q. M. at W. M. meeting for F. M.	8.00

IOWA.

A friend	4.00
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NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick W. M. S. for W. H.	50.00
St. John West Junior C. E. per Mrs. G. A.	

Hartley	6.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Int. on working capital and on gen. fund for	
Inc. fund	22.79

Total	\$746.54
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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.

Ocean Park, Me.

per EDYTH R. PORTER, Asst. Treas.

